



## State of the City

**Mayor Eric Hogue presented the annual State of the City Address to the citizens of Wylie on February 26, 2013,** during a special Wylie Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by nearly 200 people. A video titled *Wylie, Texas -- Home*, featuring events, activities and faces of Wylie, set the theme for the 30 minute speech highlighting Wylie's accomplishments over the past year.

Speaking on Home Security, Mayor Hogue recognized the Police Department and the 13% drop in the crime rate over the past year; the lowest rate in five years. He touted the City's advanced fire protection and Class 1 ISO rating.

Moving to Home Improvement, Hogue stated, "In 2012 we opened our new Public Works Service Center. We began remodeling our Public Safety Building (old city hall) which houses the Police Department, Fire Administration and Municipal Court. Community Park was officially reopened in this past year after an extensive renovation."

Hogue then touted the Smith Public Library and Wylie Recreation Center saying that, "Home is a great place for family time. 7,500 new recreation membership passes were issued in 2012; 89,000



Mayor Eric Hogue

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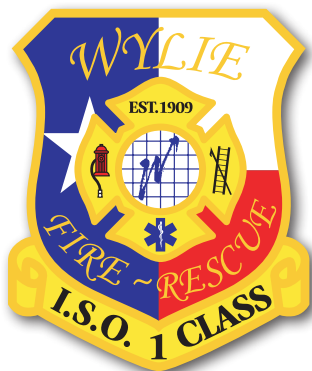
visits were made to the fitness floor; 19,000 guests used the indoor track; and 60,000 miles were logged running or walking on the treadmills. The library had nearly a half a million items checked out; we added over 6,000 new library card holders; and had nearly 200,000 visitors."

Mayor Hogue highlighted recently opened and soon-to-be opened businesses that call Wylie home, including the twelve screen B&B Theatre to open April 25, a Kroger Marketplace, Medical Plaza of Wylie featuring a LakePointe Health Network emergency room, Rosa's Mexican Café, Dairy Queen, RaceTrac and much more. He was proud to announce that December 2012 sales tax receipts totaled nearly \$751,000, the highest single month in Wylie's history.

Mayor Hogue wrapped up the speech reflecting on Wylie's 125th Anniversary, "I wonder what those 42 citizens who voted to incorporate our town on November 8, 1887, would think if they could see us now...I don't know about you, but I would say Wylie is a great place to call home!"

A complete transcript of the speech and opening video can be accessed at [www.WylieTexas.gov/stateofthecity](http://www.WylieTexas.gov/stateofthecity).

### Wylie Maintains Class 1 ISO Fire Protection Rating



Wylie Fire Rescue (WFR) has maintained a top Public Protection Classification (PPC) 1 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The PPC rating is used to accurately measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community.

The Class 1 ISO rating places WFR among an elite group of agencies. Wylie is one of 56 municipalities

out of 48,960 departments nationwide to receive a Class 1 ISO rating; placing Wylie in the top .116% of all agencies across the country. Out of 2,555 fire departments in the State of Texas, only 13 departments received the Class 1 rating; placing WFR in the top .54% of all Texas fire departments.

"This rating is a reflection of the outstanding effort the men and women of Wylie Fire Rescue put forth to maintain our high standards of fire protection even in the face of 175% population growth since we first received a Class 1 rating," says Mayor Eric Hogue. "I am proud of the way the whole city including Code Enforcement, Public Works, Communications, the City Engineer, the Planning Department and our Fire Department worked together to achieve the highest scores possible."

"Maintaining this classification is not easy," says Brent Parker, Administrative Battalion Chief and ISO project manager. "I personally thank everyone for the hard work in preparing for our evaluation...we truly are a team, and it shows with the outcome of our rating."

The formal evaluation was performed in October 2012 and consisted of three areas: fire department (staffing, equipment, training, and emergency response capabilities), water supply, and receiving and handling of 9-1-1 calls. The ISO evaluation of the fire department accounts for 50 percent of the rating; while water supply accounts for 40 percent; and the department's communication and 9-1-1 system accounts for the final 10 percent.

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program helps establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. ISO provides insurance companies with reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire-protection services. ISO assigns a PPC from 1 to 10.

Class 1 represents superior property fire protection which the City of Wylie has maintained for the last ten years. According to the ISO website, insurance companies may offer lower premiums in communities with better protection or a Class 1 rating.

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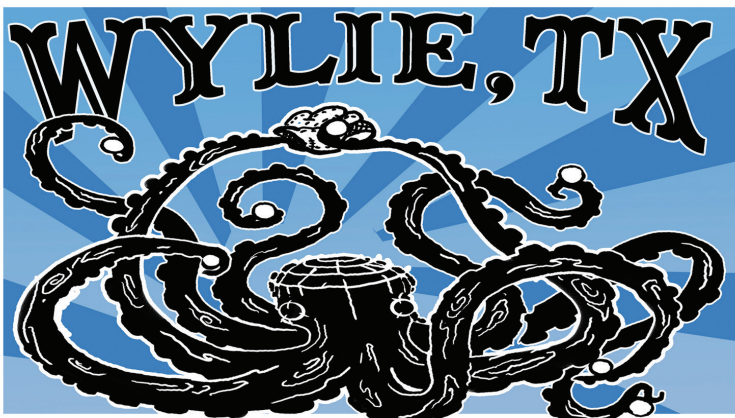


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# OCTOPITCHER vs BATTERPILLAR

**Public Art Dedication**  
**March 23**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Community Park**  
**800 Thomas Street**

**Meet artist Johnny Edwards  
 and join Mayor Hogue as  
 he throws out the first pitch**

## Severe Weather Awareness Week

Tornado and severe thunderstorm season is fast approaching and Wylie Fire-Rescue encourages residents to prepare now and take responsibility by purchasing a weather radio and signing up to receive Nixle text message alerts. To receive text message severe weather updates, road construction updates, emergency information and more, text your zip code to 888777; or click the red sign-up button on the homepage of WylieTexas.gov.



Remember, outdoor sirens may not always be audible inside homes, buildings with a high ambient noise, or while you are sleeping. They are designed to only warn people who are outside or in close proximity to a siren.



**March 30 8 am - 4 pm**  
**Behind the Public Safety Building**  
**On Centennial Drive**

Enter on Kreymer Lane (Next to Walmart), Left on Centennial Drive

Dispose of residential household hazardous waste, electronics, household metal appliances, automotive tires and document shredding. Brush and bulk will not be accepted. For complete details including acceptable items and limits, go to [WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen](http://WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen).

## Fun & Learning

**Rita & Truett Smith Public Library**  
 300 Country Club Road, Building 300  
 972-516-6250  
[www.WylieTexas.gov/library](http://www.WylieTexas.gov/library)

<b>Hours:</b>	<b>Mon., Tue. &amp; Thur.</b>	<b>Noon - 8 pm</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9 am - 6 pm</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11 am - 5 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 am - 4 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**All Events Are Free and Open to the Public**

**Storytime Days, Times and Ages**  
**Books & Babies** (ages 0-1); Fridays, 11 am; 20 minutes long  
**Toddler Time** (ages 1-2); Wednesdays, 9 am & 9:45 am, Fridays 11:30 am  
**Big Kids** (ages 3-5); Wednesdays 10:30 am & 11:15 am; Thursdays, 1:30 pm; 30 minutes long  
**Family Storytime** (all ages); Tuesdays, 6:30 pm; 30 minutes long  
 Week of March 25 - Dogs  
 Week of April 1 - Yo, Jefe  
 Week of April 8 - Quest  
 Week of April 15 - Rowdy Cowboys  
 Week of April 22 - Pig Party; *Three Little Pigs* puppet show  
 Week of April 29 - Neigh!

**Teen Book Club, April 4, 6 pm**  
 6th - 12th graders only. This month: *Dark Side of Nowhere* by Neal Shusterman.

**Booked on Fridays, April 12, Noon - 1:30 pm**  
 Bring your lunch the second Friday of each month for fun reads and light conversation. This month: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth.

**Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:30 pm, Adults 18 and up**  
 March 25 - *Defending Jacob* by William Landay  
 April 22 - *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

**Wagging Tales, Tuesdays, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm**  
 Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come basis the evening of the program.

**BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6 pm**  
 4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about books and movies. The first 25 kids to sign up get a free copy of the book. Snack Provided.  
 March 28 - *The Borrowers*  
 April 25 - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days*

**My Very Own Book Club, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to talk about books and make a craft. The first 40 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book.  
 April 17 & 19 - *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* by D.B. Johnson

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